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STATINTL FROM:

Policy and Plans Group

SUBJECT:

Office of the Comptroller Conversation Regarding Office of Security's Response to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

REFERENCE:

Memorandum from Director of Security to Assistant for Information, DDA dated 4 April 1978, subject: Additional Questions Regarding DDA Functions

1. On this date, Comptroller telephoned the undersigned with regard to the STATINTL Office of Security's response to question number 2: "Who conducts background clearances?"

in attempting to clarify the response in anticipation of the possible follow-up question, suggested that a statement be added which would reflect that Office of Security background investigations are conducted exclusively by CIA staff personnel. He was informed that this is not a true statement and it was explained that

independent contractors equipped with U.S. Government credentials.

2. He stated that he would forward the Office of Security's response as submitted, but added that the Office of Security should be prepared to answer a follow-up question regarding the exact nature of the personnel who do conduct these background investigations.

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